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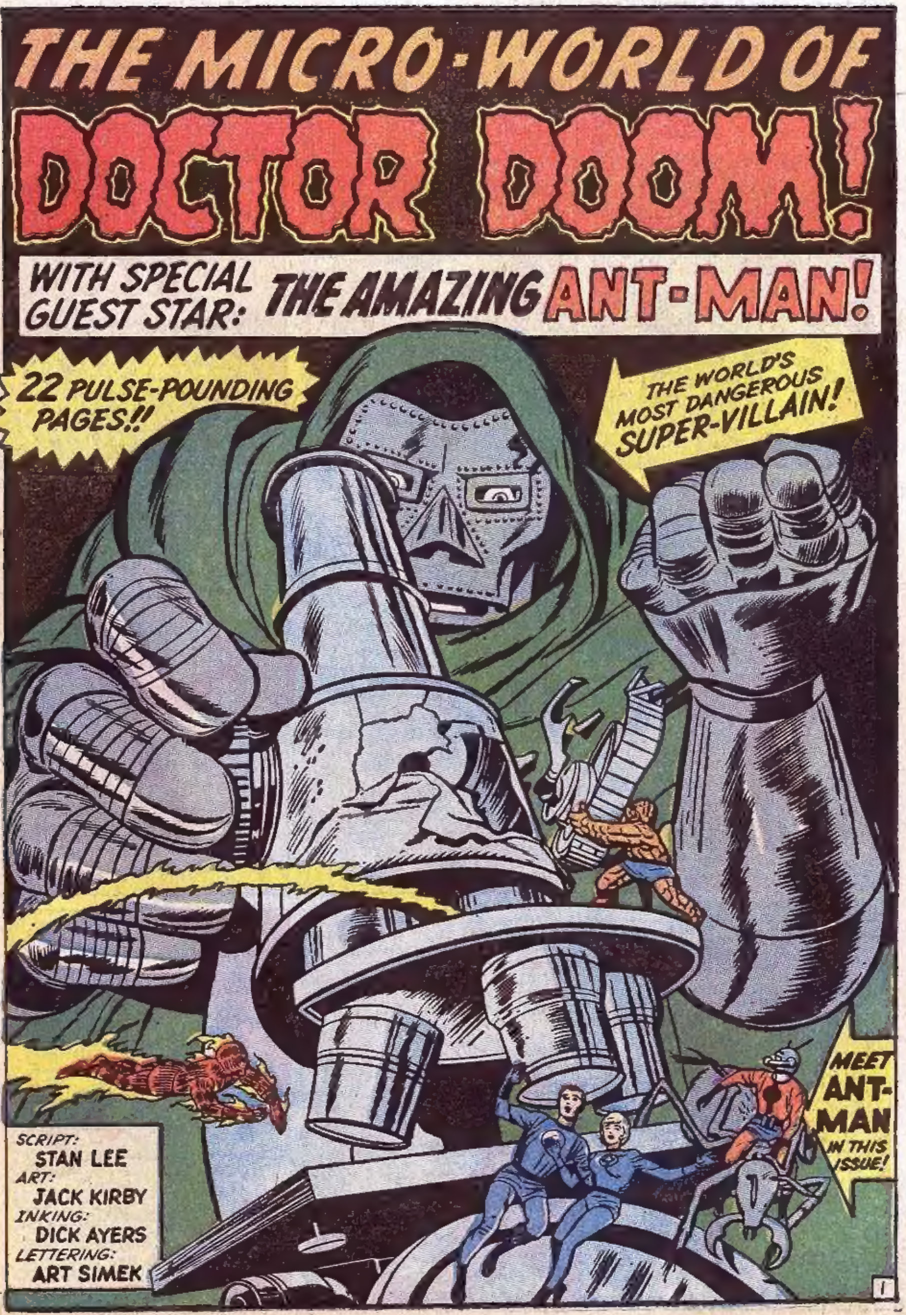
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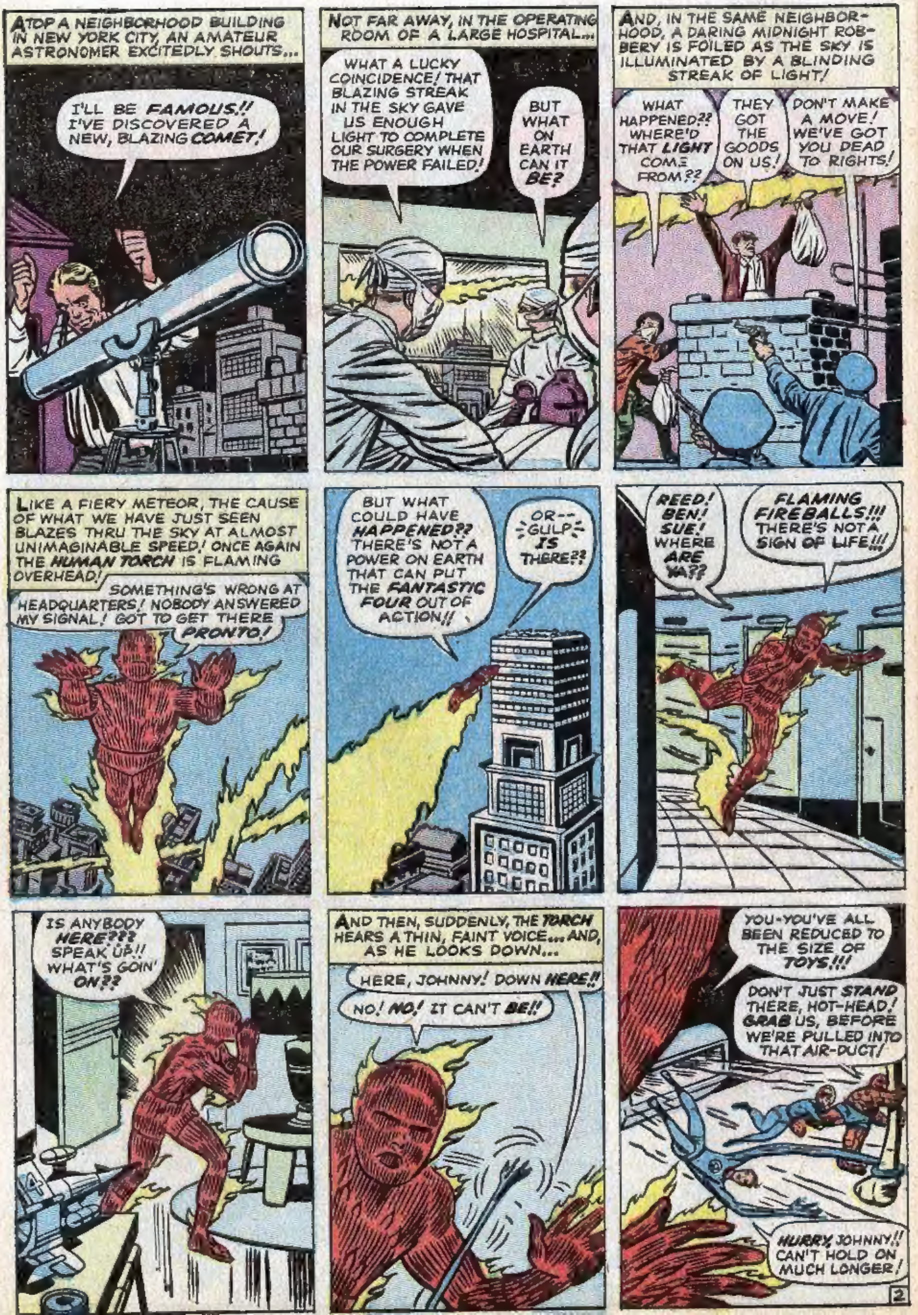

ATOP A NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY, AN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER EXCITEDLY SHOUTS...
I'LL BE FAMOUS!! I'VE DISCOVERED A NEW, BLAZING COMET!
NOT FAR AWAY, IN THE OPERATING ROOM OF A LARGE HOSPITAL...
WHAT A LUCKY COINCIDENCE! THAT BLAZING STREAK IN THE SKY GAVE US ENOUGH LIGHT TO COMPLETE OUR SURGERY WHEN THE POWER FAILED!
BUT WHAT ON EARTH CAN IT BE?
AND, IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD, A DARING MIDNIGHT ROBBERY IS FOILED AS THE SKY IS ILLUMINATED BY A BLINDING STREAK OF LIGHT!
WHAT HAPPENED?? WHERE'D THAT LIGHT COME FROM??
THEY GOT THE GOODS ON US!
DON'T MAKE A MOVE! WE'VE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS!
LIKE A FIERY METEOR, THE CAUSE OF WHAT WE HAVE JUST SEEN BLAZES THRU THE SKY AT ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE SPEED! ONCE AGAIN THE HUMAN TORCH IS FLAMING OVERHEAD!
SOMETHING'S WRONG AT HEADQUARTERS! NOBODY ANSWERED MY SIGNAL! GOT TO GET THERE PRONTO!
BUT WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?? THERE'S NOT A POWER ON EARTH THAT CAN PUT THE FANTASTIC FOUR OUT OF ACTION!!
OR-- GULP IS THERE??
REED! BEN! SUE! WHERE ARE YA??
FLAMING FIREBALLS!!! THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF LIFE!!!
IS ANYBODY HERE??? SPEAK UP!! WHAT'S GOIN' ON??
AND THEN, SUDDENLY, THE TORCH HEARS A THIN, FAINT VOICE... AND, AS HE LOOKS DOWN...
HERE, JOHNNY! DOWN HERE!!
NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE!!
YOU-YOU'VE ALL BEEN REDUCED TO THE SIZE OF TOYS!!!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, HOT-HEAD! GRAB US, BEFORE WE'RE PULLED INTO THAT AIR-DUCT!
HURRY, JOHNNY!! CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!
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THERE! THAT'LL FIX IT! MY FLAME WELDED THE DUCT SHUT!
THANK HEAVENS!
HEY! YOU-- YOU'RE GROWING BACK TO NORMAL SIZE AGAIN!! LET ME IN ON IT! WHAT'S THE PITCH???
I DON'T KNOW, KID! IT'S SOME POWER-- BEYOND OUR CONTROL!
WELL, BIG BRAIN, START DOPIN' IT OUT! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE MENTAL GIANT OF THIS COMBO!
NOW I GOT SOME NEWS FOR YA! THIS AINT THE FIRST TIME THIS HAPPENED TO ME! I SHRUNK DOWN A FEW DAYS AGO-- BUT I DIDN'T TELL ANY OF YOU BECAUSE IT SEEMED TOO NUTTY! I FIGURED NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME!
IT-IT HAPPENED TO ME, TOO! AND I SAID NOTHING FOR THE SAME REASON!
WELL, I'VE GOT A CONFESSION TO MAKE, ALSO...
THIS IS INCREDIBLE!! IT'S HAPPENED TO ALL OF US BEFORE-- SEPARATELY! BUT NONE OF US COULD REALLY BELIEVE OUR SENSES, AND... WAIT! WHAT'S THAT LAUGHTER???
HAH! YOU FOOLS! YOU ARE HELPLESS AS PUTTY BEFORE MY POWER! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF WHAT I HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU!
WHO SAID THAT?? COME OUT AND SHOW YOURSELF AND I'LL TEAR YA APART!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO ONE HERE!
REED, ARE YOU THINKIN' WHAT I'M THINKIN'??
AFRAID SO, LITTLE CHUM! WE'RE IN FOR BIG TROUBLE! NOW LET'S START COMPARING NOTES...
LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED THE TIME WHEN I FIRST SHRUNK LIKE YOU ALL JUST DID... I WAS IN THE GARAGE, FINISHIN' UP A LITTLE CUSTOMIZIN' JOB! I CAN REMEMBER EXACTLY HOW IT HAPPENED...
BOY, NEXT TO FLAMING ON, THIS IS THE MOST FUN A GUY CAN HAVE WITHOUT LAUGHIN'!
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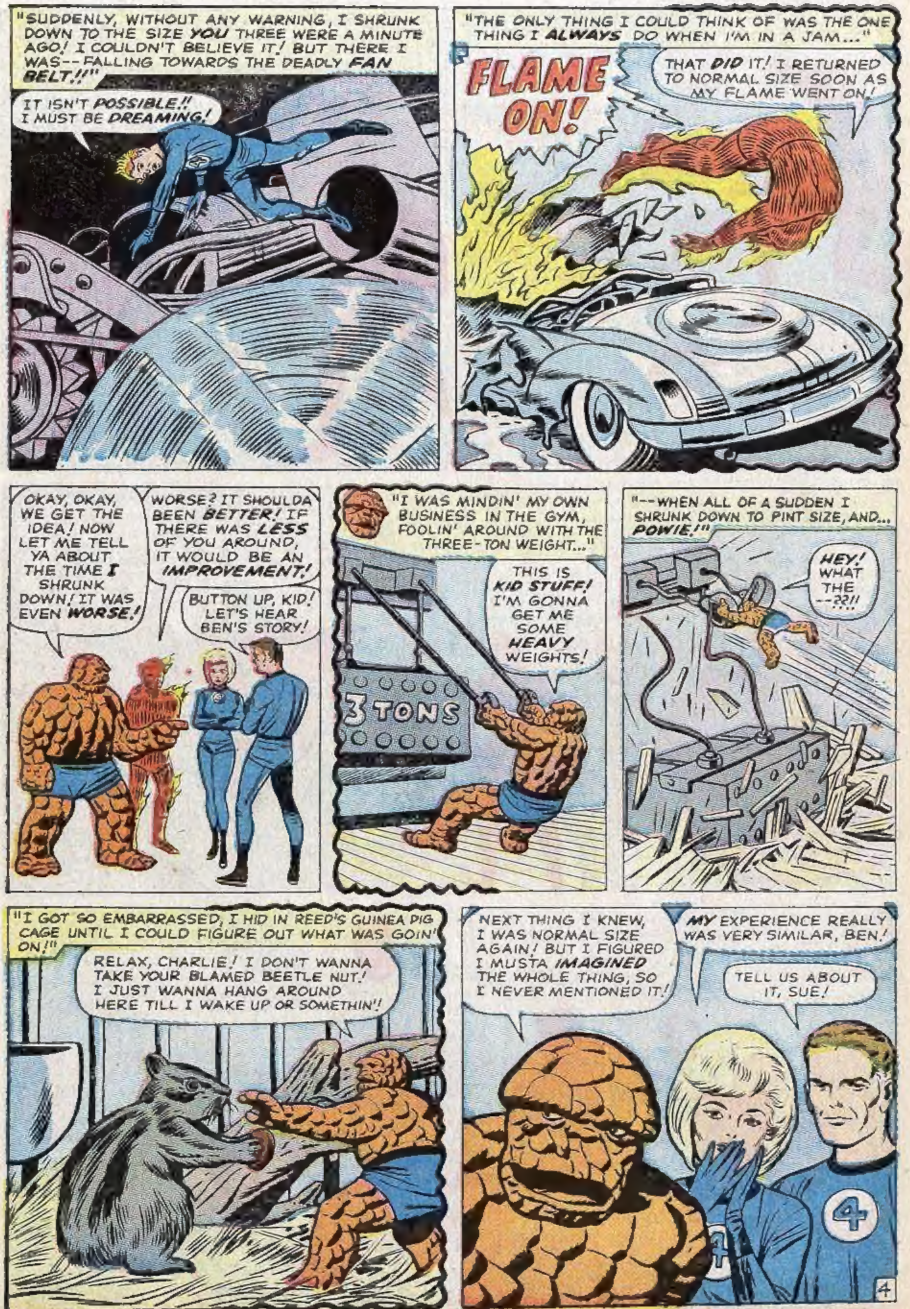
"SUDDENLY, WITHOUT ANY WARNING, I SHRUNK DOWN TO THE SIZE YOU THREE WERE A MINUTE AGO! I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! BUT THERE I WAS-- FALLING TOWARDS THE DEADLY FAN BELT!!"
IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!! I MUST BE DREAMING!
"THE ONLY THING I COULD THINK OF WAS THE ONE THING I ALWAYS DO WHEN I'M IN A JAM..."
FLAME ON!
THAT DID IT! I RETURNED TO NORMAL SIZE SOON AS MY FLAME WENT ON!
OKAY, OKAY, WE GET THE IDEA! NOW LET ME TELL YA ABOUT THE TIME I SHRUNK DOWN! IT WAS EVEN WORSE!
WORSE? IT SHOULDA BEEN BETTER! IF THERE WAS LESS OF YOU AROUND, IT WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT!
BUTTON UP, KID! LET'S HEAR BEN'S STORY!
"I WAS MINDIN' MY OWN BUSINESS IN THE GYM, FOOLIN' AROUND WITH THE THREE-TON WEIGHT..."
THIS IS KID STUFF! I'M GONNA GET ME SOME HEAVY WEIGHTS!
3 TONS
"--WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN I SHRUNK DOWN TO PINT SIZE, AND... POWIE!"
HEY! WHAT THE --??!!
"I GOT SO EMBARRASSED, I HID IN REED'S GUINEA PIG CAGE UNTIL I COULD FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS GOIN' ON!"
RELAX, CHARLIE! I DON'T WANNA TAKE YOUR BLAMED BEETLE NUT! I JUST WANNA HANG AROUND HERE TILL I WAKE UP OR SOMETHIN'!
NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS NORMAL SIZE AGAIN! BUT I FIGURED I MUSTA IMAGINED THE WHOLE THING, SO I NEVER MENTIONED IT!
MY EXPERIENCE REALLY WAS VERY SIMILAR, BEN!
TELL US ABOUT IT, SUE!

"WELL, IT WAS THE OTHER DAY, WHEN I WAS GUEST-STARRED ON MOLLY MARGARET McSNIDE'S INTERVIEW SHOW! MOLLY MARGARET HAD JUST FINISHED ASKING ME TO NAME MY FAVORITE MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR..."
THAT'S LIKE ASKING A PARENT TO NAME HER FAVORITE CHILD!
"AND THEN IT HAPPENED! RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A BREATH, I SHRUNK DOWN TO A MERE FEW INCHES IN SIZE! IT WAS MORTIFYING!"
HOLY SMOKE! SHE MUSTA TURNED INVISIBLE!
GOODNESS GRACIOUS! WHAT WILL THE SPONSOR SAY?!!
POP!
"I WAS SO TINY THAT I COULDN'T MAKE MYSELF SEEN OR HEARD ABOVE THE DIN! IT WAS AN UNCANNY, TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE!"
THEY DON'T KNOW I'M DOWN HERE! THEY MUST THINK I'VE SIMPLY TURNED INVISIBLE!
THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, I BECAME NORMAL-SIZED AGAIN, AFTER EVERYONE HAD LEFT THE STUDIO!
I'D BETTER TELL HOW IT HAPPENED TO ME, ALSO!
IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE PLAYIN' CAN YOU TOP THIS?
LET'S HEAR IT, REED!
"IT WAS JUST TWO DAYS AGO! I WAS CRUISING OVER THE CITY, EXPERIMENTING WITH A NEW POWER DRIVE FOR THE FANTASTI-CAR!
EVERYTHING'S WORKING SMOOTH AS SILK SO FAR!
"AND THEN, TOTALLY WITHOUT WARNING, IT HAPPENED TO ME, ALSO! I BECAME TOO SMALL TO ADEQUATELY CONTROL THE CAR'S SENSITIVE MECHANISM!"
GOT TO DO SOMETHING--FAST!! CAN'T CRASH IN THE CITY!

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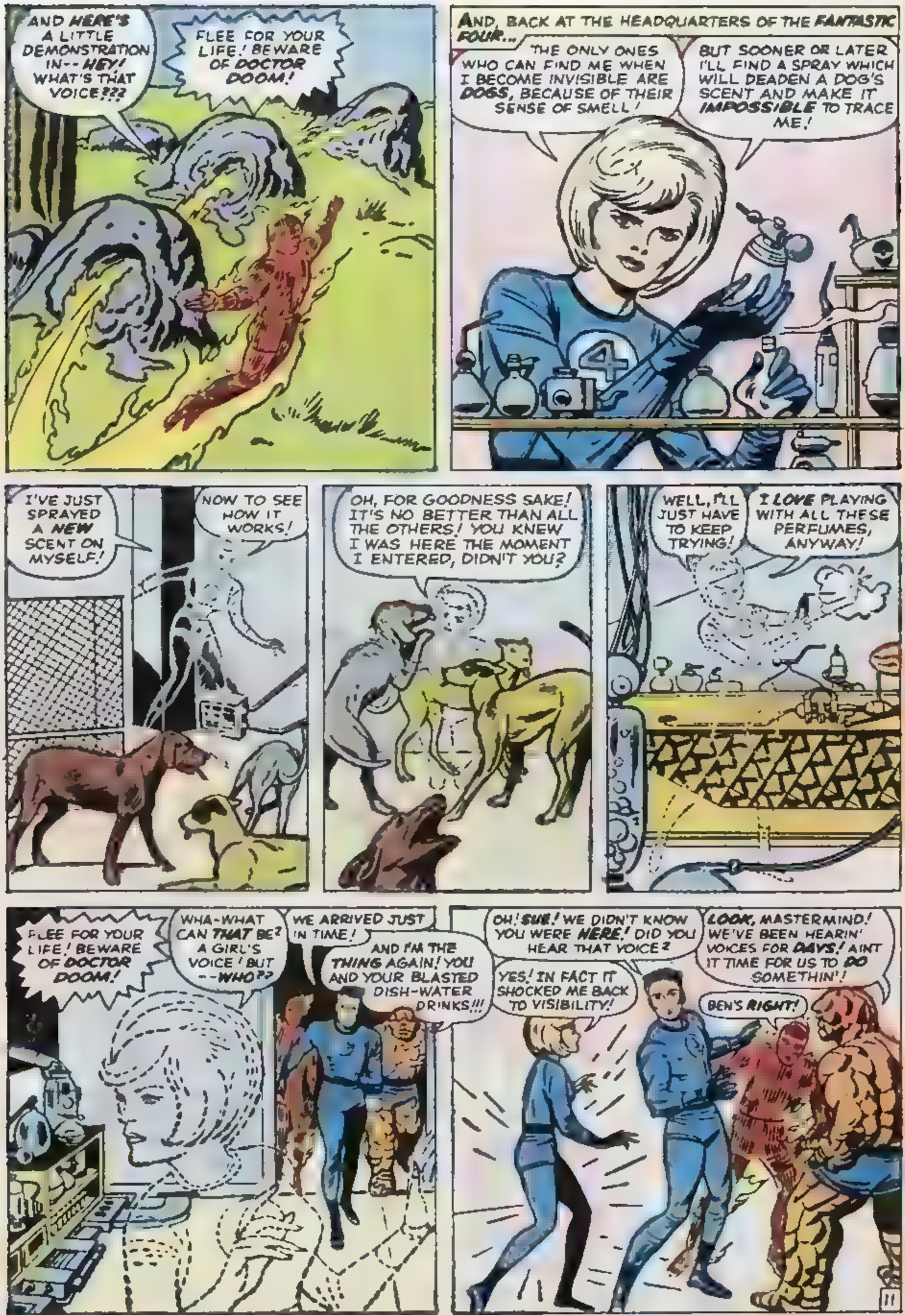
RELEASING ONE OF HIS ASTONISHING SHRINKING-GAS PELLETS, THE ANT-MAN INSTANTLY DWINDLES DOWN TO THE SIZE BY WHICH HE IS KNOWN TO THE WORLD!
THEN, ENTERING HIS HIGH-POWERED MINIATURE ROCKET LAUNCHER, HE IS READY TO JOURNEY ACROSS TOWN AS ONLY HE CAN...
I'VE SET THE CONTROL TO LAND ME IN THE AREA OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S HEADQUARTERS! AND I'VE ALERTED TWO BLACK FLYING ANTS WHO ARE NEARBY!
SO HERE GOES! NEXT STOP--THE FANTASTIC FOUR!!!
AHH, YOU NEVER FAIL ME, DO YOU, MY LITTLE BEAUTIES!
RIDING THE TWO FLYING ANTS LIKE A ROMAN CHARIOT, THE ASTONISHING COSTUMED FIGURE ENTERS AN OPEN WINDOW, NOISELESSLY!
HEY, THING! SUPPOSE YOU ASK INFORMATION FOR ANT-MAN'S PHONE NUMBER? MAYBE SHE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!
YOU GOT ROCKS IN YOUR HEAD, SONNY? HERE, YOU TRY IT IF YOU WANNA!
NO NEED TO PHONE, THING! I'M HERE!
WELL, BRUSH MY TEETH AND CALL ME SMILEY!! IT'S HIM! THE SONUVAGUN IS REALLY HERE!
BUT--HOW--??
BOY! EVEN ELEVATOR SHOES WOULDN'T HELP HIM!
IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU, ANT-MAN! LET ME PLACE THIS CRYSTAL MAGNIFYING AMPLIFIER OVER YOU...

NOW THAT'S BETTER! I LIKE TO SEE WHO I'M TALKIN' TO!
SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME YOUR PROBLEM NOW? I ASSUME IT CONCERNS SHRINKING IN SIZE, OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE NEEDED ME!
MINUTES LATER...
--AND THAT'S THE STORY, ANT-MAN! SOMEONE, SOME POWER WE DON'T UNDERSTAND, SEEMS ABLE TO MAKE US SHRINK AND GROW AT WILL!
WE NEED A METHOD TO FIND WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE!! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP A SHRINKING SERUM MYSELF, BUT IT WOULD TAKE TIME...
HMMM... I SEE!
I HAVE A SOLUTION HERE WHICH I WILL GIVE YOU! IT CONSISTS OF TWO DROPS OF FLUID!
WHEN EXPOSED TO AIR THEY TURN INTO GAS!
ONE DROP FOR REDUCING, ONE DROP FOR GROWING!!
WITH THE AID OF A HIGH-POWERED MICROSCOPE, MISTER FANTASTIC TAKES THE PRECIOUS FLUID IN A SMALL DROPPER...
NOW WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO REGAIN OUR NORMAL SIZES QUICKLY IF WE SHOULD HAPPEN TO SHRINK AGAIN!
I'LL TRY TO LEARN WHAT I CAN IN MY OWN WAY-- BACK AT MY LAB!
SO, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, I'VE GOT TO LEAVE YOU! GUARD THOSE TWO DROPS CAREFULLY! THEY MAY SOON SAVE YOUR LIVES!
A DISTURBING THOUGHT JUST OCCURRED TO ME! I WONDER IF HE COULD BE THE ONE...!?
OH, NO, REED! HE'S MUCH TOO CUTE! I'LL BET IF HE WERE NORMAL-SIZED... -SIGH-
AWW, KNOCK IT OFF, SUE! IT WAS BAD ENOUGH TO HAVE YA MOONIN' OVER THE SUB-MARINER FOR MONTHS!

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE APARTMENT OF BEN GRIMM'S BLIND FRIEND, ALICIA...
HELLO, ALICIA DEAR! BEN, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU! I'VE GOT SOMETHING--
CAN'T IT WAIT, PAL? I'M HELPIN' ALICIA WITH HER SPRING CLEANIN'...
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL WANT TO WAIT WITH THIS! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A NEW SERUM TO MAKE YOU REVERT TO YOUR NORMAL FORM AGAIN, AND I WANT TO TRY OUT THE FIRST PHASE OF IT!
AWW, I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING A GUINEA PIG FOR YOU AND YOUR EXPERIMENTS! I AINT GONNA WASTE ANY MORE--HEY! STOP! CUT IT OUT! GLUBBB...
PTUI! IT TASTES LIKE DISH WATER! CAN'T YA EVEN USE SOME CHOCOLATE FLAVOR OR SOMETHIN'!
NEVER MIND THE TASTE, OLD FRIEND! LET'S WATCH THE RESULTS!
HEY! IT--IT'S STARTIN' TO BURN! I--I FEEL LIKE I'M CHOKIN'! WHAT DID YOU DO, POISON ME??
NO, YOU BIG APE! THAT MEANS IT'S WORKING!
WAIT TILL YOU SEE YOURSELF, BEN!! IT WON'T LAST, BECAUSE THIS IS JUST A PRELIMINARY FORMULA, BUT IT MEANS I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
I-I DON'T FEEL LIKE THE THING ANY MORE!
LOOK OUT! CAN'T HOLD THE PIANO UP ANY MORE!! GANGWAY!
IT'S MY FAULT, BEN! I SHOULD HAVE REMINDED YOU TO PUT IT DOWN BEFORE I GAVE YOU THE FORMULA! BUT I WAS SO ANXIOUS...
BONNNG
OH, BEN! MY DARLING! ARE YOU HURT? WHY DO YOU FEEL SO DIFFERENT?? I--I LOVE YOU SO THAT I DON'T WANT YOU TO CHANGE! I DON'T EVER WANT ANYTHING TO CHANGE YOU!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SUE BABY! I'M OKAY! AND NOTHIN'S EVER GONNA CHANGE FOR US! YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT, HONEY!

LOOK, REED, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO DO FOR ME, BUT NOTHIN' MAKES SENSE! I LOVE ALICIA, AND SHE LOVES ME BEST AS-- THE THING! SO WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT TRYIN' TO CHANGE ME BACK, AND WORK ON SOME WAY TO MAKE HER SEE AGAIN, INSTEAD?
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT, BEN! I'LL--WAIT! LISTEN--WHAT'S THAT???
FLEE FOR YOUR LIVES! BEWARE OF DOCTOR DOOM! HE'S TRYING TO--- OHHH!! HELP!
A STRANGE GIRL'S VOICE! BUT-- FROM SO FAR AWAY! SO FAINT!
AND NOW, AS THE WEB OF FATE BEGINS TO TIGHTEN AROUND OUR COLORFUL CHARACTERS, LET US SWITCH OUR SCENE TO A TEEN-AGE PICNIC, WHERE WE FIND...
DO SOME TRICKS FOR US JOHNNY--PLEASE!
YEAH! C'MON, TORCHY, SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO!
WELL, SHYNESS WAS NEVER ONE OF MY BIG FAULTS!
HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO GET THOSE WEINIES GRILLED IN RECORD TIME-- HOW'S THIS?!?
WOWEEE!
AND HERE'S A LITTLE STUNT I PLAN TO PERFORM AT THE NEXT BIG GAME!
GO GLENVILLE HIGH
EVER SEE A FELLA TWIRL FLAMING LASSOES? WATCH!
FLAME ON!



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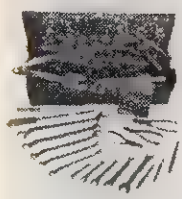
15 KITS OF TOOLS AND TESTING INSTRUMENTS



MECHANIC'S TOOLS INCLUDING SOCKET SET AND TRAY

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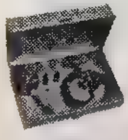

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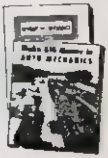

HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR-- SOMEONE HAS BEEN CAUSING US TO SHRINK IN SIZE, THEN RETURN TO NORMAL! THEN, SOME MYSTERIOUS GIRL HAS BEEN WARNING US OF DOCTOR DOOM! IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE-- UNLESS, BY SOME MIRACLE, HE IS STILL ALIVE!
AWW, HOW COULD HE BE?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT..
THE LAST WE SAW OF DR. DOOM, HE WAS SHRINKING INTO NOTHINGNESS!* WELL, WE'RE GOING AFTER HIM! I'VE PORTIONED THE ANT-MAN'S FORMULA INTO FOUR UNITS-- SO LET'S GO!
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE -ACTION!
SO FAST DOES THE COLORFUL QUARTET BEGIN TO SHRINK, THAT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THEY ARE PLUNGING INTO THE VOTEX OF A MADLY SPINNING WHIRLPOOL!
WE'RE SHRINKING TOO FAST! QUICK--TAKE THE ENLARGING FORMULA, TO SLOW IT DOWN!!
GOTCHA, BOSS MAN!
AND FINALLY, THE SPINNING SLOWS DOWN--THE VERTIGO STOPS, AND THE WORLD SEEMS TO TAKE SHAPE AROUND THEM...
WE'RE IN SOME SORT OF MICRO-WORLD-- A WORLD WHICH MIGHT FIT ON THE HEAD OF A PIN!
INDEED YOU ARE, MY DEAR! YOU ARE IN THE MICRO-WORLD OF DOCTOR DOOM!!!
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN THE THREE OF YOU INTO!??
YOU WERE RIGHT! HE IS ALIVE!
*NOTE: THE COMPLETE STORY OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S LAST ENCOUNTER WITH DR. DOOM WAS TOLD IN FANTASTIC FOUR #10, SEPT.
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YOUR ARRIVAL HERE IS NOT UNEXPECTED! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO SHOW UP!
YEAH?!! WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, I'M GONNA FINISH A JOB I STARTED A LONG TIME AGO! A JOB I SHOULDA FINISHED THEN!
BAH! YOU ARE BRAINLESS AS EVER! DID YOU THINK TO FIND ME UNPREPARED ??
HOLY COW!! NOW WHAT??
HIS THRONE-- IT'S THE CONTROL CENTRAL FOR A BANK OF ELECTRONIC WEAPONS! HE JUST ACTIVATED ONE OF THEM!
IT'S ANOTHER SHRINKING RAY! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
SECONDS LATER...
AND NOW, MY HELPLESS FRIENDS, DO YOU STILL INTEND TO IMPETUOUSLY PIT YOUR PUNY POWERS AGAINST MY OWN??
BUT, BEFORE I DECIDE TO DISPOSE OF YOU, I SHALL TELL YOU A LITTLE STORY! I SUSPECT YOU WILL FIND IT INTERESTING!
IT IS THE STORY OF HOW I CAME HERE--AND HOW I BECAME RULER OF THIS WORLD!
"YOU WILL RECALL THAT I LAST TOOK LEAVE OF YOU IN A RATHER ABRUPT WAY, WHEN I WAS STRUCK BY THE SHRINKING RAY I HAD INTENDED TO DESTROY YOU WITH!"
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SEIZE THEM! THE TALL ONE-- THE LEADER-- FIRST!
WH-WHERE DID HE GO??
LOOKING FOR ME, FRIEND? I'M RIGHT HERE!
OOOP!
THEY ARE MERELY PYGMIES! WE'LL CRUSH THEM LIKE--YIII!
EVEN WITH MY STRENGTH REDUCED TEN TIMES, I'M STILL STRONGER'N YOU, BUSTER!
DO YA GET THE MESSAGE ??
CRRASH!
CAN'T LET BEN AND REED HAVE ALL THE FUN! NOW IT'S MY TURN!
DIDN'T EXPECT MY FLAME TO WELD YOUR IRON BOOTS TO THE FLOOR, DID YOU?
ALL OF DR. DOOM'S POWER COMES FROM THAT METAL CONTROL BOX! IF I CAN JUST REACH IT...
I'VE FAILED! AN ALARM IS FLASHING! THE BOX IS DESIGNED TO ACTUALLY PROTECT ITSELF--IT'S AN ELECTRONIC SECURITY POWER SOURCE!!
MIGHT AS WELL TURN VISIBLE AGAIN! HE'S GOT ME!
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HERE SHE IS, MY HELPLESS FOES--THE EX-INVISIBLE GIRL! TRY TO SAVE HER NOW!
WE'RE JUST GONNA DO THAT LITTLE THING, YOU WALKIN' HUNK O' JUNK!
REALLY? IT MIGHT PROVE SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO SAVE ANYONE WHEN YOU YOURSELVES ARE ASLEEP, AS YOU SHALL BE IN TWO SECONDS, THANKS TO MY LITTLE SLEEP-INDUCING MIST!
FOR, YOU SEE, RICHARDS, GREAT A SCIENTIST AS YOU MAY BE, I, DOCTOR DOOM, AM BY FAR THE GREATER!!
LONG MINUTES LATER, THE FANTASTIC FOUR REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS TO FIND THEMSELVES IMPRISONED IN A DANK DUNGEON, TOGETHER WITH THE CAPTIVE KING AND PRINCESS PEARLA...
HAVE TO WAKE UP --HAVE TO THINK! DR. DOOM MUST BE DEFEATED! FOR, IF WE FAIL, WHAT POWER ON EARTH --OR ON THIS WORLD CAN STOP HIM??
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE REALLY LICKED THIS TIME, REED! THE ODDS ARE ALL IN DOOM'S FAVOR!
YOU FOUR ARE FROM THE SAME WORLD AS DR. DOOM, THE TYRANT?
YEAH, YOUR MAJESTY--BUT WE AINT BRAGGIN' ABOUT IT!
AS LONG AS DOOM'S TWISTED MIND KEEPS THINKING HE CAN OUT-SMART US, WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE! FIRST THING TO DO IS BREAK OUT OF HERE!
WE SEEM TO BE IN AN UNDERWATER DUNGEON! WE COULD USE THE SUB-MARINER AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
NO, MISTER FANTASTIC, THAT IS NOT WATER OUT THERE... IT IS DEADLY ACID!!
IT IS JUST ANOTHER DIABOLICAL JEST OF DR. DOOM'S! THOSE ARE NOT LIVING FISH OUT THERE...
THEY ARE, IN REALITY, METALLIC MECHANICAL SPIES WITH WHICH HE WATCHES EVERYTHING WE DO AND HEARS WHATEVER WE SAY!
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DON'T YOU WORRY PRINCESS! WE'LL STILL MANAGE TO COME OUTTA THIS OKAY!
OH! THAT FLAME! IT'S SO-- FRIGHTENING!
HECK! I WOULDN'T SCARE A LIVING DOLL LIKE YOU!
FLAME OFF!
WHEN THINGS LOOK THE MOST HOPELESS FOR US, THAT'S WHEN OUR ENEMIES BETTER RUN FOR THE HILLS, CHICK!
AS FOR ME, THE HUMAN TORCH IS GONNA SEE TO IT THAT NOBODY HURTS ONE LITTLE FINGER-NAIL OF THAT DAINTY LITTLE HAND!
OHH.
C'MON, SQUIRT! LEAVE THE SPEECHES FOR TONY CURTIS! WE GOT WORK TO DO!
LEGGO, YA BIG OX! HAVEN'T YOU ANY ROMANCE IN YOUR SOUL??
WAIT A MINUTE! IT MUST HAVE BEEN YOUR VOICE WE HEARD, TRYING TO WARN US!
IT WAS! I KNEW HE WAS TRYING TO LURE YOU HERE-- SO I USED HIS RAY MACHINE A FEW TIMES WHEN HE WASN'T THERE!
"DR. DOOM WANTS ME TO MARRY HIM! BUT I DESPISE HIM! THAT IS WHY I AM HIS PRISONER, TOO! HE PLANS TO BETRAY THIS ENTIRE WORLD IF I REFUSE HIM! EVEN NOW HE IS CONTACTING THE PLANET TOK!"
"HE HAS OFFERED TOK A REWARD FOR JOINING HIM! YOU FOUR ARE TO BE THEIR REWARD-- AS SLAVES! EVEN NOW, THE TOK SHIP MUST BE LANDING..."
"THE TERRIBLE WARRIORS OF TOK ARE FEARED THRUOUT OUR UNIVERSE! THEY ARE HUGE, AND POWERFUL, COMING FROM A HEAVY PLANET WITH GRAVITY A DOZEN TIMES STRONGER THAN OURS! AND THEY ARE COMING FOR-- YOU!"
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"THE LIZARD MEN OF TOK WILL MAKE YOU SERVE THEM AS LONG AS YOU LIVE! THEY'LL USE MR. FANTASTIC AS A BAILEY BRIDGE DURING THEIR INVASIONS..."
"AS FOR THE THING, THEY'LL EMPLOY HIS GREAT STRENGTH IN THEIR DIAMOND MINES, MAKING HIM DIG AND BURROW FOR THEM, UNTIL HE DROPS!"
"AND THE TORCH WILL BE FORCED TO HELP THE LIZARD MEN OF TOK ATTACK THEIR VICTIMS BY THE USE OF HIS FLAMING POWERS!"
"EVEN THE INVISIBLE GIRL WILL BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE, SPENDING THE REST OF HER DAYS AS A SCULLERY MAID, A DRUDGE FOR THE MERCILESS LIZARD MEN!"
-AND THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO SAVE YOURSELVES! IT'S TOO LATE -SOB- TOO LATE FOR US ALL!
SAVE YOUR TEARS PEARLA! DOCTOR DOOM HASN'T BEATEN US YET!
AND HE NEVER WILL, IF I EVER GET MY MITTS ON 'IM!
MEANWHILE, IN THE WORLD ABOVE, ANT-MAN RETURNS TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S LAB TO FIND..
HMMM--BITS OF GLASS FROM MY REDUCING SERUM VIAL! THEY MUST HAVE SHRUNK TO ALMOST NOTHINGNESS, RIGHT AT THIS SPOT!
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THE SHAPES INTO WHICH I CAN MOLD MY PLIABLE BODY ARE VIRTUALLY LIMITLESS! I CAN SHAPE MYSELF INTO ALMOST ANYTHING FROM A SPARE AUTO TIRE...
...TO A DELICATE, LIFE-SAVING PARACHUTE! THESE SHAPES CAN BE ASSUMED WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT, BUT ONLY BECAUSE I HAVE SPENT LONG HOURS PRACTICING AND DEVELOPING MY AGILITY!
DUE TO THE EXTREME FLEXIBILITY AND ELASTICITY OF MY MOLECULAR STRUCTURE, I CAN ABSORB THE IMPACT OF ANY TYPE OF SHELL (EXCEPT AN ATOMIC MISSILE) WITHOUT SUFFERING ANY PHYSICAL HARM! NATURALLY HOWEVER, THIS CAN BE TREMENDOUSLY EXHAUSTING AND LEAVE ME IN A WEAKENED CONDITION FOR HOURS!
SPECIAL COSTUME COMPOSED OF UNSTABLE MOLECULES WHICH CAN STRETCH AND CONTRACT AS BODY DOES!
ALTHOUGH MR. FANTASTIC'S PHYSICAL ABILITY IS SOMETHING TO MARVEL AT, IT IS HIS AWESOME INTELLIGENCE AND SCIENTIFIC ABILITY WHICH MAKE HIM THE LEADER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR! WE SHALL DISCUSS THESE STRIKING QUALITIES IN A FUTURE ISSUE!

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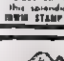

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THE WALLS THEMSELVES CAN RESIST THE ACID, OR ELSE IT WOULD HAVE ALREADY BURNED THRU THEM!
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH GETTIN' US OUTTA HERE?
HOLD IT, BEN! I KNOW WHAT SUE IS THINKING OF! IT JUST MIGHT WORK!
AND, MINUTES LATER, THE FANTASTIC FOUR TAKE A LAST DESPERATE GAMBLE!
THAT'S IT, BEN! JUST RIP OFF ENOUGH OF THE INNER WALL -- DON'T LET ANY ACID POUR THRU!
HURRY TORCH WE'VE GOT TO HAVE THIS FINISHED BEFORE WE'RE DISCOVERED!
I'LL HAVE IT WELDED TOGETHER IN NO TIME!
NAW, THIS IS KID STUFF!
FINALLY...
JUST IN TIME! EVEN THOUGH THE DEADLY FLUID IS POURING INTO OUR FORMER CELL, WE'RE SAFE IN THIS ACID-RESISTANT LITTLE CAPSULE!
IN ORDER TO REACH THE SURFACE, WE NEED AIR IN THE BALLAST BAG -- BUT HOW??
JUST STAND BACK, PAL, WHILE I TAKE A DEEP BREATH, AND I'LL SHOW YA!
AND, AS THE MAKESHIFT CAPSULE SLOWLY RISES TO THE SURFACE, THE TORCH SHOOTS OUT FLAMING LIGHT RAYS WHICH TEMPORARILY BLIND THE SCANNER FISH!
WE'VE DONE IT! NOW FOR DOCTOR DOOM!
AND WHAT OF DOCTOR DOOM? AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
DOOM, YOU'RE A MADMAN! YOU CAN'T BARTER WITH HUMAN LIVES THIS WAY!
SILENCE! I MUST WATCH FOR THE TOK SHIP! SOON THE LIZARD MEN WILL ARRIVE, AND I MUST GREET THEM ROYALLY!
BUT, A SECOND LATER...
WHA--? SOMEONE--OR SOMETHING, WHICH I CANNOT SEE, IS UNDOING MY BONDS!
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AND, WITHIN THE STRONGHOLD OF DOCTOR DOOM...
HURRY! WE'VE ALREADY STOOD IN FRONT OF DOOM'S ENLARGING RAY! NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
HEY! SOMEONE SHOULDA WARNED ME! THIS THING TICKLES!
NOW LET'S GET A LITTLE ACTION AROUND HERE!
FLAME ON!
WE'RE JUST IN TIME! I SEE A SHIP APPROACHING! IT MUST BE THE TOK INVADERS!
STAND BACK, PAL! THAT SHIP IS COMIN' IN LIKE A SPEEDBALL, AND I AINT HAD ANY BATTING PRACTICE TODAY!
FIRST, I'LL JUST GRAB THIS LITTLE CONTROL TOWER!
NEXT, I'LL TAKE A FEW PRACTICE SWINGS! AND NOW--
HOME RUN! THEY'LL NEVER COME BACK HERE AGAIN!
WHAM!
HEARING THE SOUND OF THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT OUTSIDE, THE ANT-MAN'S GUARDS RELAX THEIR VIGIL FOR A SECOND -- A MOVE WHICH IS THEIR UNDOING!
I WAS HOPING I'D GET A CHANCE TO TRY THIS AGAIN!
STOP HIM! STOP HIM!
STAND ASIDE, YOU FOOLS! I'LL FINISH HIM OFF, ONCE AND FOR ALL!
NOT WITH THAT GUN, YOU WON'T!
WHA--??
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A DISEMBODIED VOICE! IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING-- THE INVISIBLE GIRL IS FREE!
I'VE GOT TO FLEE TO SAFETY-- THRU THIS TRAP DOOR!
IF THE INVISIBLE GIRL IS FREE, THEN ALL OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR MUST BE FREE, TOO!
BUT BY THE TIME THEY FIGURE OUT WHERE TO FIND ME, I'LL BE GONE!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR THEM--BACK ON THE SURFACE OF OUR OWN WORLD! I'LL GIVE THEM A RECEPTION THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!
WITH DOCTOR DOOM GONE, ALL THE FIGHT GOES OUT OF HIS GUARDS, AND SO...
I'LL RELEASE MY FLAMING FENCE FROM AROUND YOU GUYS! I FIGURE YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!
I'LL KEEP THIS LAST BATCH TIED UP TILL YOU GET THEM TO HIS MAJESTY! AND STOP CLOWNING-- USE BOTH HANDS!
RELAX, RUBBER-HEAD! IF I DROP YOU YOU'LL ONLY BOUNCE!
YOU HAVE SAVED MY KINGDOM! YOU HAVE DRIVEN DOCTOR DOOM BACK TO HIS OWN WORLD! HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU?
NO NEED FOR THAT, YOUR MAJESTY! SIMPLY PERMIT US TO USE YOUR EN-LARGING RAY, SO THAT WE CAN GO AFTER DOCTOR DOOM!
WISH GRANTED!
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AND SO, STEPPING IN FRONT OF THE ENLARGER RAYS, AS THEY PREPARE TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN WORLD, THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND ANT-MAN BID FAREWELL TO THE DWELLERS OF THE MICRO-WORLD...
...AS THEY AGAIN TAKE UP THE HUNT FOR DOCTOR DOOM, THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ON EARTH! BUT, THAT'S A TALE FOR NEXT ISSUE...
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THE END

Address YOUR letters to:
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FANTASTIC FOUR
THIRD FLOOR
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NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

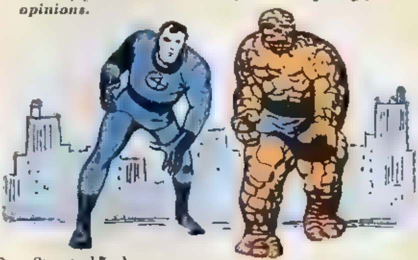
FANTASTIC 4 FAN PAGE

Dear Stan and Jack:

I don't know how to start this letter off, so I'll just start in with the things I have to say: I have all the issues of the FF, and think they're great! Keep up the good work! I think the FF should meet *Thor*. It's meeting *Spider-Man* and the *Hulk* was so-so, you could have done better. And when *Spider-Man* entered through the window, he was captured by a capsule. In issue #5, the *Sub-Mariner* came through the window and the capsule didn't get him. What gives? A couple of issues ago, Dr. Doom was shrunk by his own weapon. Will we ever see him again? (Probably. All comic villains are born escape-artists.) I think the FF was better off not wearing costumes. The Invisible Girl and Mr. Fantastic should be in more action. I like the way Thing's "mad at the world," if you know what I mean. In the first two issues, you drew the Torch's flame somewhat differently than you do now. I liked it better the way you drew it in the first two issues. I think it would be interesting if somehow the FF's powers were sort of "mixed up." What I mean by this is this: What if: Sue were a "Thing," Johnny could turn invisible, Reed were a "Torch;" Ben would have Mr. Fantastic's power. Show more of the Impossible Man. Have more Pin-up pages. Your new character, "Iron Man," featured in *Tales of Suspense*, is pretty good.

Clifford Garber
25 Ocean Park
Lynn, Massachusetts

Know something Cliff? You'd write a pretty good letter if you weren't so bashful about giving your opinions.



Dear Stan and Jack:

Unlike many of those who write, I can't say that I have read every issue of FF, but I still think that there are a few readers who are as dedicated to it as I. Take that Fred Bronson, for example—a steady reader since the first issue. What does he say? That fans read comics because the heroes don't act like real-life people, that's what. Of all the utter nonsense that I have ever heard that is the most ridiculous, and I'll give reasons to back that up. First of all, in order to enjoy almost any creative work (including comics), it is necessary to identify with some person. In music, for example, one should try to feel what the composer felt. In any of the media which tells a story, one should identify with at least one character. Otherwise, the story remains an empty shell, pretty to look at, but devoid of meaning. If a story relies upon either plot or character (and comic magazines are usually both), this is especially true. And now comes Fred Bronson, wanting to remove any shred of believability from your marvelous characters—an act which would make identification impossible. Secondly, the quality which makes yours the "world's greatest comic magazine" is precisely that your characters are true-to-life. To my knowledge, this trait is unique to you. In other respects you just barely maintain a moderately above-average rating. It is no accident that your best stories by far are those in which the personalities of the FF come through to play a main role in determining the outcome. I don't presume to know why most fans read most comics, but *this* fan reads *this* comic because its characters act like real-life people and not like comic book heroes. I apologize for such a lengthly letter, but I could not let such a point of view as Bronson's go unchallenged. If you're still with me after all this, thanks for listening.

Martha Beck
325 Dewey
Evanston, Illinois

We're with you, doll—all the way!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I must compliment you on your very GREAT comic magazine, 'The Fantastic Four.' It is by far the best I have ever seen (and I read almost all of them.) If this letter, or part of it, gets printed on your fan page, perhaps some of your critics will think that one such as I, who indulges in reading so-called 'light' material is a person of rather low intelligence. (Comic readers are held somewhat in scorn in some literary circles, you know.) I would like to say on my own behalf, that I do hold a completed college degree and that I also read other matter than comic magazines. I would like to say in your behalf that the entire magazine is worth all the praise it gets and even more, as the artwork, stories, and characters are of high quality.

Marya Rice
General Delivery
Main P. O.
Elizabeth, New Jersey

You're giving us such swelled heads, kid, that we may not sell any more copies of the FF to anyone unless they produce a diploma first!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I've tried putting off buying one or more titles, but in the first place, I can resist anything but temptation, and besides, I'm a collector and I'm mortally afraid of passing up anything for fear of its being sold out. *Thor* (Journey Into Mystery, #89) was so-so. For Thor that's pretty good, you know. Likewise the *Ant-Man* (Tales to Astonish, #41). The *Human Torch* (Strange Tales, #106) was pretty good, despite the fact that I kind of figured what the Torch was up to. *The Fantastic Four*, #12 - Really good. You'll have to go some to outdo this issue. Since the *Hulk* has been running regularly in his own book, he doesn't seem so contrived as most of the antagonists the FF usually come up against. But I have to agree that Sue just doesn't get her share of the action. Shame on you for neglecting the poor girl! *The Amazing Spider-Man* #1! Buddy, you've got a real winner there in my book. I hope the younger readers agree, because I want to see this one *every* month! At least once!! And again, I'd like to plead with you to let Kirby loose – *just once* – give him lots of time and let him ink his own pencils. His tremendous talent manages to shine through anyway, but it's nothing compared to what he could do!

Phil Castora
Room 435, Russ Hotel
517-523 S. San Julian
Los Angeles, California

Let Kirby ink his own pencils?? Phil, we're trying to make sure he gets enough time just to PENCIL them!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I'm puzzled. When my parents were reading FF #11, they came to the pin-up of Sub-Mariner, and declared that Prince Namor was in comics before the *Fantastic Four*,

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Perhaps you know something about this, and if you do, please give me the low-down.

Bill DeAndrew
56 Ponungo St.
Port Chester, N. Y.

They're right, Bill! Years ago, in the Golden Age of Comics he was one of our biggest stars, and judging by the tremendous response we've had to his appearances, he well may be again!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Don't ever let anyone tell you that the FF are too impossible to exist *really*—or even in a comic. Every girl appears a little faint at times. And any teen-ager gets a little fired up, just as a grown man lets the beast in himself come out. Needless to say, a scientist must stretch a few points every now and then. So what's wrong if guys like Sue, Johnny, Ben and Reed do this in comics? It just proves that the FANTASTIC FOUR are a more believable group of super-heroes.

George Kitchen
1937 W. Pratt St.
Baltimore 23, Maryland

Pretty clever, George! We KNOW the F.F. exist! (At least, to US they do!) But the ones we're not sure about our READERS! We sometimes wonder if YOU guys and gals are for real!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have been a fan of yours since the very first issue of the FF. I must admit that it has got something no other comic mag on the market has got. It has got a certain quality to it. Quality that has not been marred by the addition of ridiculous newcomers. Apparently you are the only current mag on the market that can refuse to cheapen their characters with Johnny-come lately's. I would like to say something about the so-called controversy over the *Thing*. In my opinion, the *Thing* is a part of your magazine that you cannot afford to do without. The personality you have provided him with is unique. The reason he is so essential is that he typifies the normal human being. He is not so perfect that he does not get mad and blow his top once in a while. I am saying this because in the recent issue #12, *FF Meets the Hulk*, I read some rather startling comments from Fred Bronson who wants to do away with the *Thing*. I just have one thing to say to Mr. Bronson. If he cannot stomach the conduct of the *Thing*, I suggest he watch 'Ding Dong School' every day on T.V. That way he would not have to put up with the dreadful language and ghastly conduct that has made the *Thing* an indispensable part of this superior comic magazine. Without the *Thing*, this magazine would be fairly easy to resist. As it is, it is practically impossible.

Gregg Smith
9543 Poole St.
La Jolla, California

Thanks, Gregg! We'll send DING DONG SCHOOL a bill for the plug tomorrow!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Since I am stating my personal wants (at the risk of making this sound like a letter to Santa Claus) I would rejoice at the sight of a mag which contains your super-heroes in single action (a good place for the Thing to meet the Yancy Street Gang), team-action (it would be interesting to see Ant-Man and Mr. Fantastic in conflict with The Chameleon and Paste-Pot Pete), and an occasional just plain science fiction story. You could also use this mag as a sounding board for your new super-heroes. Please put a letter column in *Tales to Astonish*, *Strange Tales*, *Journey Into Mystery*, and *Tales of Suspense*, or better yet, give Ant-Man, Thor, and possibly later Iron-Man their own magazines. Iron-Man has good potential, provided you do not give him too many transistorized gadgets. Perhaps a villain could find or steal one of his super-magnets and use it against him. There are almost unlimited possibilities provided he is not made too invulnerable. The Fantastic Four has always been my favorite mag. The art work in ish #13 was below par, although the plot was fairly good. I agree with Fredric Johnson in that the copter, pogo-plane and rocket should be used more. I doubt that you will get any more "flying bathtubs" complaints about the fantasticar, although I don't think Johnny modified it; instead, he built it anew. Now that you've modified it so greatly, for heaven's sake, don't be afraid to use it. The Red Ghost should return about issue #25. Perhaps he could team up with some of your other villains to battle the FF. I like the idea of teaming up two villains, especially when the villains are extremely different. I would enjoy seeing the Sub-mariner in one or two stories as a complete hero. Thor is a very good character. He is best in combat against a super-villain, or at times, Loki. Loki is a good opponent, but don't use him every third issue. I like the idea of Odin saving Thor occasionally. Don't give Thor too many powers as this has ruined many a super hero. The powers displayed while combating the Stone Men and the Executioner are very good and they should not be multiplied. Spider-Man is an excellent hero although Steve's art work was a great deal better in *Amazing Fantasy*. Steve's drawing of the FF was horrid. (If someone slits my throat, we have a suspect.) Spider-Man should clear his name and keep himself out of the limelight. For the sake of fandom, don't make him into another *Hulk* in the sense that he becomes public enemy #1. I guess I've covered about everything in this letter. Good luck and keep up the good work. Yours til Dr. Doom rules the world . . .

Tom Dietz
141 E. Elm St.
Kent, Ohio

If you think that this is a long letter, you should see what we didn't print. Sure you wouldn't like to have two pages of story, and twenty of fan letters?

Dear Stan and Jack:

Boy, is my head spinning! Why, you ask? Well, over a year ago, you published the spectacular #1 issue of the FF. I thought you could never come out with any more of these unbelievable characters. Then you kept right on going strong and created the Mighty Thor, and at the same time, the Spider-Man. I could have done cartwheels. I tried to sit down for a breather, but you came out with the Astonishing Ant-Man and Iron-Man. Please don't create any more for a while or I'll have a nervous break-down. Here's hoping the FF, Ant-Man, Spider-Man, Thor, and Iron Man are published till my dying day—which I hope will be a long time from now.

David Singer
99 Herald St.
Rochester 21, N. Y.

Gosh—we haven't the heart to tell you about SGT. FURY AND THE HOWLING COMMANDOS, or about—but we'll leave that till next time!

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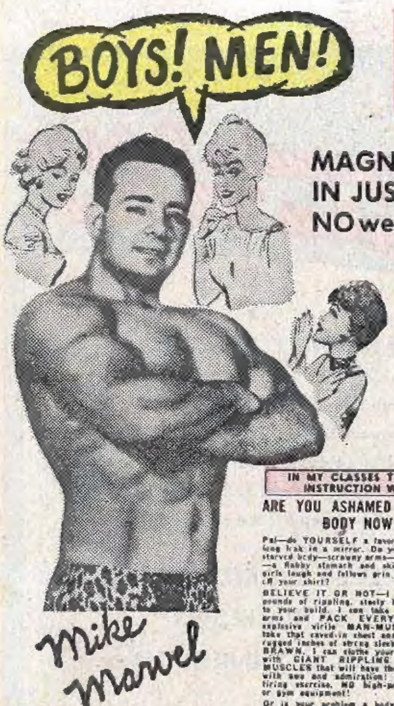

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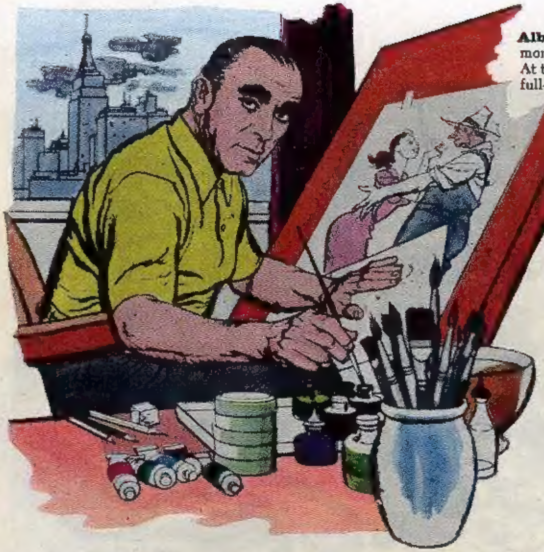

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